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 For : SIGNAL CODING METHOD, SIGNAL CODING APPARATUS,
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 METHOD
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Total claims	12	Minus	20	0 x	\$18 (9)	= \$0.00
Independent claims	4	Minus	4	0 x	\$86 (43)	= \$0.00
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$0.00

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